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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Docket Number
8003-1030

Applicant(s): Shigeru UMINO et al.	Conf.: 5155
Application #: 09/857,628	Filed: June 7, 2001
Title: STEEL SHEET HAVING SURFACE-TREATED ZINC-BASED PLATING	
Group Art Unit: 1775	Examiner: M. Lavilla

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated September 9, 2003 rejecting the following claims: 1-6.

The fee for this Notice of Appeal is: \$ 330

If I have checked one of these boxes below, then this is also a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to reply to the rejection:

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
Therefore, the fee shown above is reduced by half, and the resulting fee is: \$

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

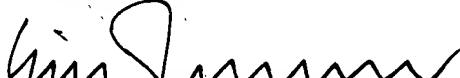
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